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SUBJECT: AD-70 REPORT

REFS: A. USNATO 2951; B. USNATO 2905

1. WHILE WE FIND DRAFT AD-70 REPORT GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, THERE STILL REMAIN A FEW POINTS ON WHICH WE WOULD LIKE AMENDMENTS. WE HAVE KEPT THESE TO A MINIMUM; WE LEAVE TO MISSION THE CHOICE OF TIMING FOR THEIR SUBMISSION TO NATO, I.E., BEFORE OR AT DPC REVIEW OF TEXT.

2. OF THE FIVE CHANGES, FOUR ARE IN THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT. THE ONE

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CHANGE IN THE MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT DEALS WITH AIRBORNE

EARLY WARNING, A POINT ON WHICH WE EXPECT THE US TO PLACE EMPHASIS AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING, LOOKING TO MINISTERIAL DECISIONS IN JUNE 1975. RECOGNITION IN THE REPORT THAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PERMIT MINISTERIAL DECISION IN JUNE 1975 WILL FACILITATE THE INCLUSION OF APPROPRIATE REMARKS ON AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING IN THE DPC COMMUNIQUE.

3. AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING. PARAGRAPH 65 CALLS FOR MINISTERS TO QTE START CONSIDERING WHAT DIRECTIONS THEY SHOULD GIVE UNQTE CONCERNING THE METHOD OF FINANCING, MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE, PROVISION FOR OPERATIONAL CONTROL, AND OWNERSHIP AND OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN AIRBORNE

EARLY WARNING, AIRCRAFT DETECTION AND TRACKING, AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. WE DOUBT WHETHER THIS CALL FOR MINISTERIAL ACTION WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN ITSELF. WE SUGGEST THAT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE BE ADDED AT THE END OF PARAGRAPH 65: QTE WE WILL HAVE THESE POINTS EXAMINED AND WILL SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THEM IN TIME FOR MINISTERIAL DECISION IN JUNE 1975. UNQTE.

4. US REINFORCEMENT AIRCRAFT. WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH BE INSERTED AS PARAGRAPH 125 BIS: QTE FOR THE FUTURE, A MAJOR INCREASE IN THE DETERRENT POSTURE OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE WOULD RESULT FROM A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN AIR POWER THROUGH US PLANS TO REINFORCE EUROPE IN PERIODS OF EMERGENCY OR WARTIME WITH MORE THAN 800 COMBAT AIRCRAFT OVER AND ABOVE THOSE WHICH ARE ALREADY EARMARKED OR ASSIGNED TO NATO. TWO PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE SOLVED: DEPLOYMENT PLANS AND FUNDING FOR SHELTERS AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES. UNQTE.

5. THE CONVENTIONAL GAP. WE APPRECIATE MISSION EFFORT TO SOFTEN SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 126. HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST THAT THIS SENTENCE BE REVISED TO ADD THE WORDS QTE IN THEIR VIEW UNQTE AFTER THE OPENING WORDS, QTE IN SUMMARY, UNQTE SO THAT THE JUDGEMENT ON THE WIDENING GAP IS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE. FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 133
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SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ: QTE THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION TO DATE AS TO THE SIZE OF THE 1975-79 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. UNQTE. FIGURE OF 450 MILLION IAU IN THIRD SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH AS UPPER LIMIT OF INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING SHOULD BE CHANGED TO 600 MILLION IAU, THIS LATTER CEILING BEING FAVORED BY U.S. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED AT THE THRUST OF THE UK AMENDMENT TO THE LAST PORTION OF THE THIRD SENTENCE, SINCE IN OUR VIEW TO MAIN-

TAIN THE EQUIVALENT OF THE 1970-74 PROGRAM INCLUDING EDIP
AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INFLATION WOULD REQUIRE WELL OVER
450 MILLION IAU; TEXT AS SHOWN IN REFTEL B WAS MORE
ACCURATE.

7. COMMUNICATIONS. SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 134
SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ, QTE ACCORDINGLY WE INVITE
MINISTERS TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT NATIONAL
TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS ARE INTEROPERABLE AMONG THEMSELVES
AND WITH THE NICS AT LEAST BY 1985. UNQTE.

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